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## Clinton Clay Pit Bond Release Decision M/49/0006

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Wed, Apr 29, 2015 at 10:52 AM

To: Jon Rhine <rhinejon@gmail.com>

Cc: Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov>, Dana Dean <danadean@utah.gov>, Vickie Southwick <vickiesouthwick@utah.gov>

Hello Jon,

As you requested, I am sending you all the documentation associated with your request for final bond release on the Clinton Clay Pit and some prior documents that detail the history of the bond release activities that have occurred at this site.

For some context on this permit, Interpace began reclaiming the Clinton Clay Pit in 2013. We issued a partial bond release (which was the majority of the bond money) for all the grading work on July 29, 2013 (see attached letter). We also sent a letter in that same time frame to Walter Plumb, who represents the current owner of the property, stating that the site was in the process of reclamation and that if the Division noted any development activity that effects vegetation, then we would fully release Interpace Holdings from further reclamation responsibility.

When you submitted your bond release request, you had indicated that remaining bond is due for renewal with the bond company. You submitted a request we do an inspection to determine if we could authorize a final bond release. During our inspection Lynn Kunzler and I did not observe any development on the property by the current owner. In order for us to authorize a release, we have to follow the rules outlined in our code for certain criteria the vegetation standards have to meet. We concluded that the standards were not met (see inspection report and bond release denial letter attached). We also noted a considerable amount of weeds that will need to be eradicated from the property.

I know that you are not happy with our decision to deny the bond release; however our position at this point is that Interpace remains the responsible party through the reclamation process. We recommended in the letter that you reapply for bond release in the Fall of 2016 but in the meantime, the noxious weeds identified on the permit area should be eradicated as soon as possible to prevent further spreading.

Sincerely,

April Abate

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